



**EDMONTON COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION
FINAL
MEETING MINUTES**

**July 8, 2019
7:00 PM**

Room 6, Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

The meeting was called to order by Chair S. Phipps at 7:00 PM.

1. Roll Call, Recording of Attendance

Present: Chair Steven Phipps, Vice Chair Sandy Bugeja
Commission Members: Andrew LeMoine,
Daniela O'Callaghan, Tye Babb, Trevor Kelly, Daniel Spanu
Executive Director Troy Courtoreille
Recorder Tracey Poberznick

Absent with Regrets: None

2. Call for Requests to Speak from the Public

There were no requests to speak from the public.

3. Adopt Agenda

MOVED/SECONDED: That the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED

4. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

MOVED/SECONDED: That the May 13, 2019 minutes be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

5. City Board-Committee Members Training

T. Kelly and T. Babb attended a training session for new board members and shared what they learned with the Commission.

- Items are not required to be seconded at commission meetings
- People who are not members of the Commission are allowed to be members of sub-committees
- Babysitting expenses to attend commission meetings are covered by the Commission; expenses for attending other events must be approved by the Chair
- Personal email used to do commission business can be FOIPed; Commission members have been provided City email addresses
- Discussing commission business should be reserved for commission meetings
- The sub-committee has guidelines which are approved by the Commission
- Sub-committees are not decision-making bodies, they are working groups and they report back to the Commission; they keep activities on-side with council rules
- The Commission member who presents a motion does not need to be in favour, they just bring it forward to be addressed

The Chair recommended that those who have not attended one of these meetings attend the next one. In six months there will be an annual review of Commission members.

6. Items Arising from Previous Meeting

Nothing to discuss.

7. Annual Work Plan

Most of the items for the 2019 Annual Work Plan and Policy Review are ongoing. Orientation is complete and there are no outstanding orders to be addressed. The Commission will discuss what should be part of the 2020 work plan as well as the 2020 Commission budget at the October meeting.

Education and Training - Four Commission members, along with the Executive Director, will be attending the ABC conference later this month.

Thank you to S. Bugeja for updating and monitoring the Annual Work Plan.

8. Policy Review Project Update

D. O'Callaghan provided an update on the Policy Review Project.

The Sub-committee met with ringside physicians and had a question and answer session. They also had a video conference with the Technical Director from MP Consulting. D. O'Callaghan asked for the minutes from the meeting with the technical director and doctor so she can collate the information before the end of July.

The Sub-committee is considering having a meet and greet that would include Commission members, inspectors, ringside physicians, those who commission statutory declarations, scorekeepers, ring generals and referees. The intention would be to have someone from each area provide a presentation to explain their role in order to have a better appreciation for those who make the events possible. The Sub-committee is looking at doing this sometime in mid-August or early September. Commission members are asked to let D. O'Callaghan know what dates do not work so she can plan around it.

The next meeting will be a brainstorming session. The Sub-committee will look at addressing gaps in the policies and identifying issues to determine if there is research that needs to be done. They will hone in on key issues to target for the policy review. There was discussion about swapping the monthly Commission meeting with a Sub-committee meeting.

Those attending the conference in July are asked to provide feedback to the Sub-committee.

There was discussion around creating an offshoot of the Sub-committee to come up with an appeals policy and process. Three options were suggested: use the existing Sub-committee meeting; create a separate committee; outsource this work. S. Bugeja and T. Kelly will research this and report to the Sub-committee on how much work would be required and determine what the most feasible option would be. They will bring back a framework to the Commission for the September meeting to discuss how to draft this policy. T. Courtoreille will look into what policies the Office of the City Clerk has regarding procedures for appeals and provide S. Bugeja and T. Kelly with this information. The Commission would like to have a process in place by the end of the year.

Thanks to D. O'Callaghan for her work on the Policy Review.

9. Executive Director Report

The Executive Director reviewed the written report.

- T. Babb will submit the receipt for his ECSC blazer to the Executive Director for reimbursement
- The Executive Director checks that there are no suspended fighters on a card for an event; the boxing promoter does not have full access to the MMA database
- Re-evaluating officials training for the UFC
- There was an issue with gloves at an event even though the fighter signed off on them at the weigh in
- There was an incident at the end of the title fight that required follow up from the Executive Director; it was classified as unsportsmanlike conduct

- On the day of the weigh-in, a fighter asked for drug testing; this is not a mandatory requirement for title fights because the Commission follows the ABC rules
- Information from the June 22 event will be posted on the website
- Lethbridge is offering their services to help with the UFC
- Inspector refresher session is open to the Commission for observation; information on this training will be sent to the Chair for distribution to the Commission

MOVED: That the report from the Executive Director be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

10. Financial Statements – April 30 and May 31, 2019

The Executive Director reviewed the financial statements for April 30, and May 31, 2019.

T. Courtoreille will meet with Finance to discuss outstanding fees of \$95 from an event earlier this year, owed to ECSC by the promoter. May expenses will be looked at as well to see if the Commission has paid membership fees or dues to the Association of Boxing Commissions or the Association of Ringside Physicians.

The Commission wants to ensure that physicians used for events are members of the ARP and will consider paying their membership fees. T. Courtoreille will follow up with Dr. Karpman to see if he, or others are, or should be, members and what the requirements and fees are.

MOVED: To receive the April 30 and May 31, 2019, Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

11. Chair Report

MOVED: That the Commission grant written approval for the promoter of UFC 240 scheduled for July 27, 2019, to announce the date and sell tickets in advance of the issuance of the formal event permit being issued by the City.

CARRIED

The Chair will connect with Vice President of the UFC, Mark Ratner to have a meet and greet while on personal business in Las Vegas in July and report back to the Commission.

There will be provisions for Commission members to attend UFC 240. The Executive Director will make arrangements for the Commission and guests to attend the weigh-in. The Commission will be notified of any events the UFC will be holding and what is allowed by the UFC regarding attendance at these events.

MOVED: To accept the Chair report as presented.

CARRIED

12. New Business

After the physician's meeting, an issue was brought up about compliance with the Health Information Act in connection with pre-fight medical and ringside physicians sharing information with outside sources. Under provincial legislation consent must be expressly given in order to share information. T. Courtoreille will bring this to Law's attention and look at revising the medical form to include consent. T. Kelly and D. O'Callaghan can provide guidance as required. Findings will be shared with the Commission prior to the September meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting - August 12, 2019

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, in Room 6, Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre on September 9, 2019.

The August 12, 2019 date will be reserved for the sub-committee meeting, details will be sent once confirmed.

14. Adjournment

MOVED: That the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33PM.

I certify that the preceding minutes represent an accurate account of the proceedings at the Commission meeting on July 8, 2019.



Steven Phipps, Chair

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Date



Tracey Poberznick, Recorder